

## News for Immediate Release November 28, 2005

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Public Invited to DWR Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Program Meetings

SACRAMENTO - The California Resources Agency will conduct a series of four public meetings on plans to identify ecosystem restoration alternatives for the Salton Sea. The meetings are co-sponsored by U.S. Representative Bob Filner, U.S Representative Mary Bono, State Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, State Senator Jim Battin, State Assembly Member Bonnie Garcia, State Assembly Member John J. Benoit, and the Salton Sea Authority.

The public forums will be held in communities throughout the Salton Sea region. State officials will present information on infrastructure configurations and current and future activities for ecosystem restoration at the Salton Sea. The presentation will be followed by a break out session where attendees will be able to discuss each configuration in-depth with state officials.

This restoration effort was stipulated in the 2003 Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement and Salton Sea ecosystem restoration legislation. State law requires the Secretary for Resources to prepare an ecosystem restoration plan by December 2006. The plan will be submitted to the State Legislature for review and action.

### Tuesday, November 29

Calipatria 2:00 – 4:00 PM Calipatria Inn & Suites 700 North Sorenson Ave. Calipatria

El Centro 6:00 – 8:00 PM Imperial Irrigation District 1285 Broadway Street El Centro

# Wednesday, November 30

Palm Desert 6:00 – 8:00 PM Coachella Valley Association of Governments 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite #119 Palm Desert

### Thursday, December 1

**Desert Shores 2:00 – 4:00 PM**Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, Post #3251
50 Desert Shores Drive
Desert Shores

For questions or to confirm attendance, please call (888) 621-1430 For additional information: www.saltonsea.water.ca.gov

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